

**THE EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION IN WHICH AN EXCLUSIVE
PROPERTY OR PRIVILEGE IS CLAIMED ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:**

5 1. In combination:

a bulk bag (12) having a bottom (14) and a peripheral
sidewall (16);

two rigid parallel-piped fork lift tine receiving
members (18) having an exterior surface with a tie
10 receiving channel (26) extending across a bottom face (20)
of the exterior surface;

the fork lift tine receiving members (18) being tied
with ties (28) to the bottom (14) of the bulk bag (12), the
ties (28) being positioned within the receiving channels
15 (26), thereby being protected from wear as the bottom face
(20) of the fork lift tine receiving members (18) move
across a floor.

2. The combination as defined in Claim 1, wherein side
20 faces (22) adjacent to the bottom face (20) of the fork
lift tine receiving members (18) also have tie receiving
channels (26).

3. The combination as defined in Claim 2, wherein the tie
25 receiving channel (26) on the bottom face (20) is aligned
with the tie receiving channels (26) in the adjacent side
faces.

4. The combination as defined in Claim 1, wherein the tie
30 receiving channel (26) is recessed.

5. The combination as defined in Claim 2, wherein the tie
receiving channels (26) in the adjacent side faces (22) are
raised and protrude from the exterior surface.

6. The combination as defined in Claim 4, wherein the tie receiving channel (26) is a dove-tail groove.

7. The combination as defined in Claim 1, wherein the tie
5 (28) is in the form of a belt (34).

8. The combination as defined in Claim 1, wherein slots
(30) are provided at each of the opposed ends (24) of
fork lift tine receiving members (18) to receive ties
10 (28).

9. The combination as defined in Claim 1, wherein the fork
lift tine receiving members (18) have side faces (22)
with raised stops (38) which limit relative axial
15 movement of the ties (28) and the fork lift tine
receiving members (18) in at least one direction.

10. The combination as defined in Claim 1, wherein the
ties (28) are in the form of elastic sleeves (36).
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11. The combination as defined in Claim 1, wherein the
ties (28) are two straps (34) which are connected with
mating tape fasteners.

12. In combination:

a bulk bag having a bottom and a peripheral sidewall, the bulk bag having ties that depend past the bottom;

two rigid parallel-piped fork lift tine receiving members each having a top surface and opposed ends, the fork lift tine receiving members having tie receiving slots in the top surface at each of opposed ends, whereby the fork lift tine receiving members are tied with the ties to the bottom of the bulk bag.

13. In combination:

a bulk bag having a bottom and a peripheral sidewall;
two rigid parallel-piped fork lift tine receiving
5 members having an exterior surface with recessed tie
receiving channels extending across a bottom face of the
exterior surface and adjacent side faces, the tie receiving
channel on the bottom face being aligned with the tie
receiving channels in the adjacent side faces;

10 the fork lift tine receiving members being tied with
ties to the bottom of the bulk bag, the ties being
positioned within the receiving channels, thereby being
protected from wear as the bottom face of the fork lift
tine receiving members move across a floor, the tie
15 receiving channels in the adjacent side faces limiting
movement of the fork lift tine receiving members.

14. The combination as defined in Claim 13, wherein the
recessed tie receiving channel is a dove-tail groove.

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15. The combination as defined in Claim 13, wherein slots
are provided on top of the fork lift tine receiving members
at each of the opposed ends to receive ties.

25 16. The combination as defined in Claim 13, wherein the tie
is in the form of a belt.

17. The combination as defined in Claim 13, wherein the tie
is in the form of an elastic sleeve.

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